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RE: US Patent Application No. 10/734, 844, and No. 10/674,622
TITLE: Bottle Retainer

Dear Mr. Szumny:

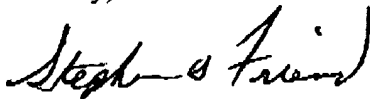
Good day to you Jon. I am sorry to bother you with this request, but I am extremely concerned, and I could use your expert advice. I am concerned whether I hired a competent patent lawyer's firm to correctly describe my invention to the patent office.

Over the past two years of back and forth communication between you and the office of Radar, Fishman, & Grauer, with modifications of the original applications, (whom I am not sure even described my inventions correctly) and extensions that are costing me a lot of money each time they must change information because of errors made by them, I am just unsatisfied with how it is all being handled. I am just an average Joe with limited income and over \$10,000 in lawyer bills as of today, I don't know if I can afford to just quit trying to get the patents on my small invention after this much time and money has been spent. Do these things always go on this long, or is it poor work done by the lawyer's office that is the problem? And, do you think this invention is patentable even if it were described differently, or perhaps had been described more accurately the first time?

I know your job is to keep the patent applications accurate in describing the inventions. It must get tiresome going over the same application time and time again. Please respond with your opinion.

Thank you for your time and response to this memo.

Sincerely,



Stephen D. Friend

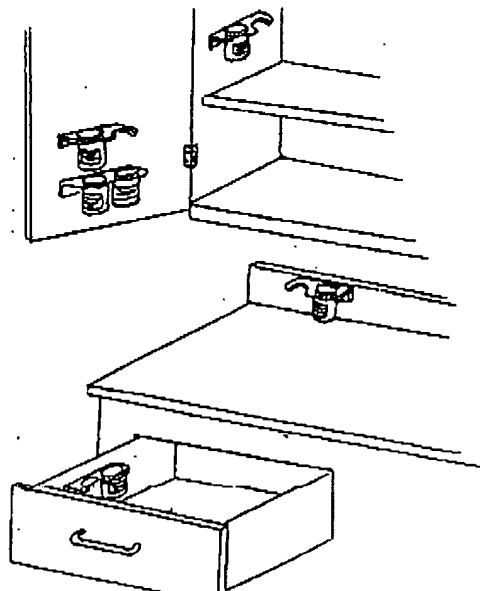
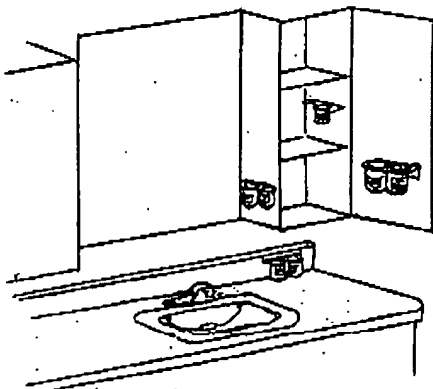
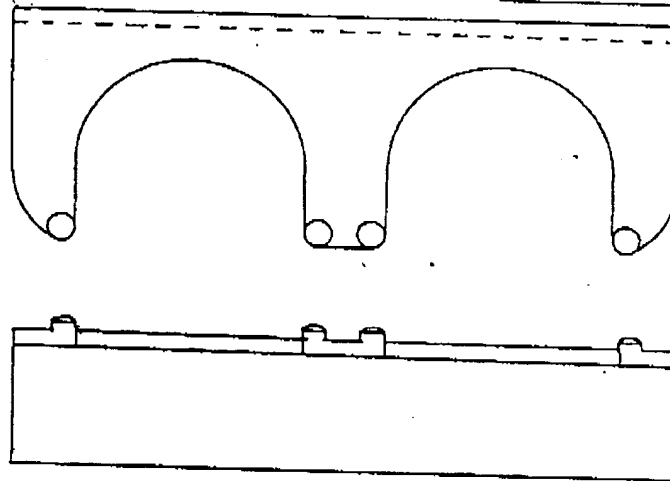
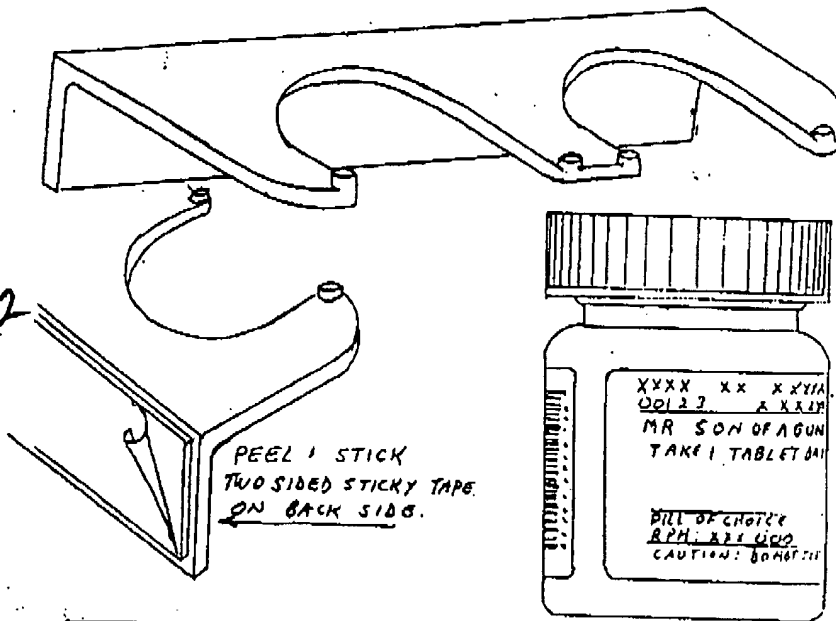
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